

In the PATENT APPLICATION of

Confirmation No. 9075

**PETITION  
UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3)**

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Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.181(a)(3), Applicant petitions the Commissioner for acknowledgement of consideration of the original filing date of February 20, 2001 in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application was filed on February 20, 2001, as a divisional application of Application No. 09/305,304, with thirty pages of specification, thirty-seven claims, an Abstract and eleven sheets of drawings with fee. Attached is copy of the dated stamped filing acknowledgement and an additional copy of the 11 sheets of drawings originally filed on February 20, 2001.

On April 27, 2001, a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application was issued. The notice stated that the filing date had not been accorded because the “application was deposited without drawings”. A response to the Notice is submitted concurrently herewith

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(3), Applicant respectfully requested that the Official Filing Date of the above-identified application be February 20, 2001, the date of the original filing because all of the filing requirements for the above-noted application were received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office as is evident by the stamp dated filing receipt.

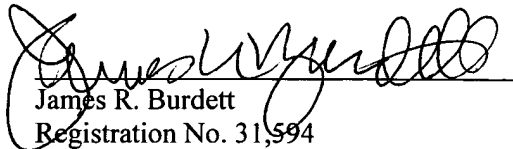


Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(3)  
U.S. Appl. No.: 09/785,501

Should the Commissioner find that the petition and supporting evidence are insufficient, and do not satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.181(3), authorization is given to charge Deposit Account 22-0261 with any fees due for such a petition.

Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is due for this petition the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application was issued in error.

Respectfully submitted,



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